

SENATE BILL 2280

By Stanley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29
and Title 48, relative to tort liability of certain
charities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 34, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

§ 29-34-____.

It shall not constitute a defense to any cause of action based on tort brought
against a corporation or its employees that the corporation is, or at the time the cause of
action arose was, a charity for purposes of Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3);
provided, that if the tort was committed in the course of any activity carried on to
accomplish the charitable purposes of such corporation, liability in any such cause of
action will not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The provisions of this
section shall be limited to Section 501(c)(3) corporations that have provided charitable
services in Tennessee for at least thirty (30) years.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007 and shall apply to causes of action
arising on or after such date, the public welfare requiring it.